MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — Holstein enthusiasts will have their pick of over 60 consignments at the Northeast Spring Classic sale, sponsored by the Susquehanna County Holstein Club April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Harold Hartt's farm, Susquehanna, will host the event. Fraley Auction Company, Muncy will auctioncer.

Consignments were handpicked by dairy farmers for dairy farmers and exemplify the best the Northeast has to offer. They include milking cows, springers, show-age calves, an embryo package, and a pick of flush. In the past, buyers have enjoyed customer-satisfaction cattle and have returned year after year. This sale has been a tradition in the Northeast for more than 35 years.

One unique consignment to the sale is three units of 29HO2775 Hanover-Hill Triple Threat semen, consigned by Charlie Clark, Springville. Triple Threat, born in 1972, has sired numerous All-American and All-Canadian cattle.

To request a catalog, contact sale chair Joe Vanderfeltz (570) 934-2406; or sale committee member Charlie Clark, Springville, (570) 996-0743; or Joseph Pavelski, Susquehanna, (570) 756-2256; or any member of the Susquehanna Holstein Club. Other sale information can be found on Fraley Auction Company's Website www.fraleyauction.com.

## Holstein Sale Announced | Community, Legislators Discuss Issues

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations (SCOFO) hosted its annual business meeting and Cornucopia reception in the state Capitol March 11.

The Cornucopia offers Pennsylvania's agricultural community an opportunity to interact with legislators and discuss the legislative agenda.

"While meeting with state legislators, our members addressed a number of current issues of interest to the organization," said Susan Fox, executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts Inc. and chairwoman of the 2002 Cornucopia.

The meeting featured a twopart roundtable discussion, with the first part focused on "Local Governments and Agriculture."

Elam Herr of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors and Jim Kennedy, Butler County Commissioner, served as panelists. The second part of the discussion, "Water Resources," featured panelists David Hess, DEP secretary; George Wolff of George Wolff Associates; Bill Adams of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and Brenda Shambaugh of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

## **Red Meat Production 3 Percent Higher Than Year Ago**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -Commercial red meat production for the U.S. totaled 3.50 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 3.40 billion pounds produced in February 2001.

February 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 2002 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion

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pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 1 percent from February 2001. The average live weight was 1,255 pounds, up 38 pounds from February a year ago.

Veal production totaled 14 million pounds, 8 percent below February a year ago and a new record low for February. Calf slaughter totaled 73,000 head, down 7 percent from February

2001. The average live weight was 326 pounds, down 2 pounds from February a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.48 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.50 million head, 1 percent February a year ago.

Class	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	1	Feb 02 as % of		Jan-Feb <sup>2</sup> 02		
			Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	2001	2002	% of (
	Million Pounds			%	%	Million Pounds %		
Beef	1,881	2,330	1,987	106	85	4,086	4,137	9
Veal	16	17	14	92	85	33	31	8
Pork	1,486	1,716	1,482	100	86	3,178	3,198	10
Lamb/Mutton	17	18	18	101	100	36	35	9
Total	3,400	4,081	3,501	103	86	7,335	7,582	10

Lamb and mutton production, at 18 million pounds, was up 1 percent from February 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,100 head, 4 percent above last year.

January-February red meat production was 7.58 billion pounds, up 3 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production

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